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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Namrata Boveja

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-89 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-89 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Objections

1. Claim number 56 is missing. Applicant needs to re-number the claims submitted for examination.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- I. Group 1, claims 1-76, drawn to a method and system of schedule transmission, comprising receiving and sending a user's schedule, receiving and sending an advertisement or job information, determining a target time, providing access to the advertisement with a link, classified in class 705, subclass 14.
 - III. Group 2, claims 77-89, drawn to a method and system of schedule transmission, comprising receiving and sending a user's schedule, receiving, selecting, and sending a title of information after adding a time to the title, and notifying the user of a title, classified in class 705, subclass 9.
3. Inventions of group I and groups II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are

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distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention of group I has separate utility such as sending an advertisement or job information, determining a target time, providing access to the advertisement with a link. This separate use patentably distinguishes the invention of group I from group II, since the features of sending an advertisement or job information, determining a target time, providing access to the advertisement with a link are not a limitation of the other independently claimed invention. Therefore the invention of group I is a separately usable subcombination. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

4. Inventions of group II and group I are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention of group II has separate utility such as receiving, selecting, and sending a title of information after adding a time to the title, and notifying the user of a title. This separate use patentably distinguishes the invention of group II from group I, since the features of receiving, selecting, and sending a title of information after adding a time to the title, and notifying the user of a title are not a limitation of the other independently claimed invention. Therefore the invention of group II is a separately usable subcombination. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

5. Since the restriction is complex and examiner knows from past experience that an election will not be made by telephone, this restriction is proper under MPEP 812.01.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from

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the examiner should be directed to Namrata (Pinky) Boveja whose telephone number is 571-272-8105. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eric Stamber can be reached on 571-272-6724. The **FAX number** for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is **571-272-8300**.

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January 4th, 2007


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PRIMARY EXAMINER